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IN THE CLAIMS

We claim:

1. (Cancelled) A smart cartridge for gaming units, comprising one or more microprocessors, one or more memory modules configured as ROM, one or more memory modules configured as RAM, software, one or more modules configured to provide connectivity to a content source, and one or more modules configured to provide connectivity to a gaming unit.
2. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 1 further comprising a module configured to provide mass storage.
3. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 2 where the mass storage device is removable.
4. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 1 where the connection to the content provider is via a wireless connection.
5. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 1 further configured to obtain content from a decentralized network.
6. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 5 where the content is streamed.
7. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 5 where the content is downloaded.
8. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 5, where the content is in a format native to the smart cartridge.
9. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 5, where the content is in a format native to the destination gaming device.
10. (Cancelled) The smart cartridge of claim 8, where the smart cartridge translates the content into a format native to the destination gaming device.

11. (New) A smart cartridge for a hand held personal video game device, configured to add direct wireless communications between a standard handheld gaming device and the public internet; decode the internet protocol bitstream; decompress audio/video content, convert said decompressed audio/video content into the native format of the hand held personal video game device, hands the processed content over to the processor of the hand held personal video game device, where said processor renders the content for display.
12. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge includes a mass storage device
13. (New) The mass storage device of claim 12, where said mass storage device is hard wired to the smart cartridge
14. (New) The mass storage device of claim 12, where said mass storage device is removable.
15. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 12, where the smart cartridge has sufficient mass storage space to download digital audio/video from the public internet.
16. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 12, where the smart cartridge has sufficient bandwidth to stream digital audio/video from the public internet.
17. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge is capable of text messaging.
18. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge is capable of sending and receiving e-mail.
19. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge is capable of sending and receiving Voice over IP (VoIP) communication.
20. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge is capable of downloading software which is configured to operate on the native processor of the hand held personal game device.
21. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge is capable of web browsing.
22. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge enables users to play multi-player games over the public internet, where said games were initially designed a multi-player games over a local, closed network.
23. (New) The smart cartridge of claim 11, where the smart cartridge provides peer to peer communication with another smart cartridge.